

Application No. 10/801,826

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 32 are pending, with claim 5 having been amended above, without adding new matter, so as to include all the limitations recited in claim 1.

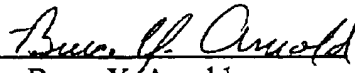
In response to the Election of Species Requirement contained in the Office Communication dated 02/07/2007, Applicant hereby elects Species "a", illustrated by Figs. 6A and 6B, for prosecution in the present application. The claims that are readable on Species "a" are: claims 1, 2, 4, 16, 17, 19, and 22.

Although there is no generic claim, claim 1 is a linking claim that links claim 5 as amended above (as well as the claims that depend from claim 5) to claims 2, 4, 16, 17, 19 and 22. Thus, if claim 1 is found allowable, since claim 5 and the claims that depend from claim 5 would be automatically allowable (for the reason that claim 5, as well as the claims that depend from claim 5, each include all the limitations of claim 1), claim 5 as well as claims 7, 20, 23, 25 and 30 that depend from claim 5 should then be rejoined by the Examiner, see M.P.E.P 809.03. Accordingly, in the event that claim 1 is found allowable, it is requested that claims 5, 7, 20, 23, 25 and 30 be rejoined by the Examiner.

A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR1.136(a) and a duplicate copy thereof accompany this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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